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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year Ending December 31

1966

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1966

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1966

Moderator: James J. Page

Town Clerk: Ruth F. Page

Selectmen:

James J. Page	(Term Expires 1967)
John Boutin, Sr.	(Term Expires 1968)
William J. Harris	(Term Expires 1969)

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector: Francis H. Lackie

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Ethel A. Boutin	Mildred Elliott
Lester Noxon	

Constable: George B. Tyler

Highway Agent: John Boutin, Jr.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

George W. Crowe	(Term Expires 1967)
William J. Harris	(Term Expires 1968)
John G. Elliott, Sr.	(Term Expires 1969)

Auditor: Ethel A. Boutin

Sexton: John Boutin, Sr.

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: James J. Page

Fence Viewer: Lester Noxon

Overseer of Public Welfare: Ethel A. Boutin

Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Civil Defense Director: George W. Crowe

Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin

William J. Harris

Ballot Inspectors:

Laura Noxon

Max Goodwin

In Memoriam

Ethel A. Boutin

1903 - 1967

DEDICATED TOWN OFFICER

Auditor 1935-1937, 1939-1967

Supervisor of the Checklist 1942-1967

Overseer of Public Welfare 1943-1967

Constable 1950-1957

Treasurer 1938

School Board, Clerk 1935-1967

School Board, Member 1938-1967

School Board, Chairman 1947-1966

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 14th) at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for the term of three years; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for the term of three years; one Auditor; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122.20 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided in Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.31 for the White Mountains Region Association.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and will vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 5. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness of the Town during the ensuing year in anticipation of taxes to be collected for the year 1967 and to be paid therefrom.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 8. To see how the Town will vote on the following question: "shall the provisions of Chapter 287 of the Revised Statutes Annotated relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this Town?"

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to change the time of the annual Town meeting from a morning meeting to an evening meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 1st day of February,
A.D., 1967.

JAMES J. PAGE

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1967 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1966

	Actual 1966	Estimated 1967
SOURCES OF REVENUE		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 137.22	\$ 135.00
Railroad Tax	20.26	
Savings Bank Tax	22.07	25.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	1,149.24	1,250.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	68.50	45.00
Interest Received on Taxes	27.79	30.00
Income from Trust Funds	129.89	130.00
Rent of Town Truck	328.00	400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	851.55	825.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	92.00	90.00
Yield Taxes	1,109.00	500.00
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes:	\$ 3,935.52	\$ 3,430.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:	7,713.37	13,699.26
TOTAL REVENUES		\$17,129.26

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1967 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1966

	Actual 1966	Estimated 1967
PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES		
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 440.00	\$ 400.00
Town Officers' Expenses	429.97	425.00
Election and Registration	375.00	100.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	132.80	50.00
Police Department	20.00	20.00
Fire Department	124.00	50.00
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	11.00	10.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	517.04	500.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	788.68	800.00
Town Truck Expenses	962.49	600.00
Town Road Aid	123.03	122.20
Cemeteries	291.15	200.00
Regional Association	25.31	25.31
Interest on Temporary Loans	45.00	90.00
County Taxes	550.05	550.00
School Taxes	6,401.92	13,181.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<hr/> \$11,242.44	<hr/> \$17,129.26

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDING**

DECEMBER 31, 1966

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Expendi- tures	Unex- pended Balance	Over- draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 450.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 10.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	450.00	429.97	20.03	
Election and Registration	400.00	375.00	25.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	100.00	132.80		\$ 32.80
Police Department	15.00	20.00		5.00
Fire Department	100.00	124.00		24.00
Health Department	5.00	5.00		
Vital Statistics	10.00	11.00		1.00
Town Road Maintenance— Summer	800.00	517.04	282.96	
Town Road Maintenance— Winter	1,000.00	788.68	211.32	
Town Road Aid	123.03	163.03		40.00
Town Truck Expenses	800.00	962.49		162.49
Cemeteries	250.00	291.15		41.15
Regional Association	25.31	25.31		
Interest	45.00	45.00		
County Tax	550.05	550.05		
School Tax	6,570.24	6,401.92	168.32	
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	\$11,693.63	\$11,282.44	\$717.63	\$306.44
			- 306.44	
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NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE			\$411.19	

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1966**ASSETS**

Cash in Hands of Treasurer		\$ 4,687.30
Accounts Due from State		
Reimbursement a/c TRA	\$ 40.00	
Porcupine Bounties	16.50	

		56.50
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1966	1,386.68	
Levy of 1965	364.87	
Levy of 1955	8.12	
State Head Taxes		
Levy of 1966	80.00	

		1,839.67

TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 6,583.47

LIABILITIES

Accounts Due to State		
State Head Taxes		
Levy of 1966	\$ 95.00	
Yield Tax		
Bond & Debt Retirement	290.01	

		\$ 385.01
Accounts Due to School District		
Balance of School Tax		4,863.23

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 5,248.24
Surplus		1,335.23

		\$ 6,583.47

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1966

Description of Property		
Lands and Buildings		\$109,482.00
Public Utilities—Electric		21,560.00
Stock in Trade of Merchants		120.00
Neat Stock-Dairy Cows	(75)	4,768.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		160.00
Portable Mills		2,000.00
Road Building and Construction Machinery		1,020.00
Lumber		1,520.00

Total Valuation Before Exemptions		\$140,630.00
War Service Exemptions	\$ 4,000.00	
Neat Stock Exemptions	1,000.00	

Total Exemptions Allowed		-5,000.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		\$135,630.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1966

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 4,573.34
County Tax	550.05
School Tax	6,570.24
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 11,693.63
ESTIMATED REVENUES	-4,004.45

	\$ 7,689.18
Overlay	177.36

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	
BY PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 7,866.54

Net Valuation \$135,630 x Tax Rate \$5.80=Amount
to be Raised \$7,866.54

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD AND STATE HEAD TAXES

DEBITS

**Taxes Committed to Collector and
Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/66**

	Levy of 1966	Levy of 1965	Levy of 1964	Levy of 1955
Property Taxes	\$7,866.54	\$1,047.00	\$	\$
Poll Taxes	98.00	20.00	2.00	
Yield Taxes	1,322.59	417.47		\$8.12
State Head Taxes	285.00	70.00		
Interest		20.79		
Penalties		7.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$9,572.13	\$1,582.26	\$2.00	\$8.12

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$6,666.37	\$1,047.00	\$	
Poll Taxes	68.00	20.00	2.00	
Poll Tax Abated	2.00			
Yield Taxes	1,056.40	52.60		
State Head Taxes	200.00	70.00		
State Head Tax Abated	5.00			
Interest		20.79		
Penalties		7.00		
Discount Allowed	107.68			
Total Remittances	\$8,105.45	\$1,217.39	\$2.00	

Uncollected Taxes

Property Taxes	\$1,092.49	\$	\$	\$
Poll Taxes	28.00			
Yield Taxes	266.19	364.87		8.12
State Head Taxes	80.00			
Total Uncollected	\$1,466.68	\$ 364.87		\$8.12
TOTAL CREDITS	\$9,572.13	\$1,582.26	\$2.00	\$8.12

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1966

Levy of 1966 Resident	Poll	Head	Prop.	Yield
Boutin, John, Jr., and Iona V.	\$	\$	\$ 116.00	\$
Boutin, Joseph N. and Priscilla			46.40	
Clark, Forrest S.	2.00	5.00	116.00	
Elliott, James and Margaret	4.00	5.00		
Elliott, John G., Sr., and Mildred	4.00	10.00	37.12	
Elliott, John G., Jr., and Catherine	2.00	10.00	136.88	
Elliott, Robert and Beverly	4.00	10.00		
Gregory, P. R., Jr., and Grace	2.00	10.00	265.41	
Harris, William J. and Seraphine	2.00	10.00	53.36	
Hatch, Vernon and Dorothy	4.00	10.00		
Merrill, Clyde and Lettie	4.00	10.00		
Non-Resident				
Albert, George V.			5.80	
Clapp, Merton A.			23.20	
Emerson & Hahn				97.82
Finn, Daniel J. and Mary R.			116.00	
Forest Products, Inc.				168.37
Poodiack, Peter and Thomas C. Luczak			92.80	
Prue, William			27.84	
Shaw, Frances and Dorothy M.			55.68	
Levy of 1965				
Gross, Alvin H.				4.00
Forest Products, Inc.				360.87
Levy of 1955				
Boutin, Joseph N.				8.12
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TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES	\$28.00	\$80.00	\$1,092.49	\$639.18

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

1966	Property Tax	\$ 6,666.37	
	Poll Tax	68.00	
	Poll Tax Abatement	2.00	
	Yield Tax	1,056.40	
	State Head Tax	200.00	
	State Head Tax Abatement	5.00	

			\$ 7,997.77

1965	Property Tax	\$ 1,047.00	
	Poll Tax	20.00	
	Yield Tax	52.60	
	State Head Tax	70.00	
	State Head Tax Penalties	7.00	
	Interest	20.79	
	Tax Sale Costs	15.45	

			1,232.84

1964	Poll Tax		2.00
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From Town Clerk:

	Overpayment	\$ 23.00	
	Motor Vehicle Permits—1966	851.55	
	Dog Licenses	23.00	

			897.55

From Constable:

	Dog Licenses		45.50
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Town Truck Hire:

	Town of Benton	\$ 304.00	
	W. M. Fallon	24.00	

			328.00

From Trust Funds (1965):

For Highways	\$ 58.25
For Cemeteries	71.64

 129.89
From State of New Hampshire:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 137.22
Railroad Tax	20.26
Savings Bank Tax	22.07
National Forest Reserve	2,298.49
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	619.23
Reimbursement a/c Head Tax	9.45
Porcupine Bounties	84.50

 3,191.22
Tax Anticipation Note:

Woodsville National Bank	3,000.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 16,824.77
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Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1966	4,757.96
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	\$ 21,582.73
Selectmen's Orders and Service Charge	-16,895.43

Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1966	\$ 4,687.30
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Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1966**Town Officers' Salaries:**

William J. Harris, trustee	\$	10.00	
William J. Harris, selectman		55.00	
John G. Elliott, Sr., trustee		10.00	
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer		60.00	
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector		60.00	
James J. Page, selectman		130.00	
John Boutin, Sr., selectman		60.00	
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		50.00	
Ethel A. Boutin, overseer of public welfare		5.00	

	\$		440.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Mileage	\$	14.88	
Meals		10.88	
Town reports		185.78	
Postage		25.36	
Supplies		30.07	
Transfers		9.80	
Fees		56.25	
Bank charges		7.20	
Officers' bonds		61.00	
Association dues		6.00	
Auto guide		7.50	
Tax bills		10.15	
Telephone		.60	
Safe deposit box		4.00	
Boat report		.50	

	\$		429.97

Election and Registration:

Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor	\$	65.00
Lester Noxon, supervisor		65.00
Mildred Elliott, supervisor		65.00
William J. Harris, selectman		10.00
William J. Harris, ballot clerk		20.00
James J. Page, moderator		30.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		30.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman		30.00
Iona Boutin, ballot clerk		20.00
Laura Noxon, ballot inspector		20.00
Max Goodwin, ballot inspector		20.00

	\$	375.00

Town Buildings Maintenance:

Repairs, labor and supplies	\$	68.80
Fuel		5.00
Electric		20.00
Insurance		39.00

	\$	132.80

Police Department:

George B. Tyler, constable	\$	20.00
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Fire Department:

North Haverhill Volunteer Fire		
Department, Aldrich fire	\$	74.00
Haverhill Corner Fire Department,		
Smith fire		50.00

	\$	124.00

Bounties:

79 Porcupines	\$	59.25
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Health Department:

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	\$	5.00
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Vital Statistics:

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	\$	11.00
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Town Road Aid:

Appropriation	\$	123.03
Labor		40.00

	\$	163.03

Town Road Maintenance—Summer:

Labor	\$	346.24
Equipment hire		95.00
Gravel		73.50
Telephone		2.30

	\$	517.04

Town Road Maintenance—Winter:

Labor	\$	431.38
Equipment hire		330.00
Salt		16.80
Sand		10.50

	\$	788.68

Class V Highway Maintenance:

(Allotment from State of N.H. \$619.23)

Equipment hire	\$	610.50
Labor		8.73

	\$	619.23

Town Truck Account:

Gas and oil	\$	197.49
Repairs		634.80
Insurance		130.20

	\$	962.49

Regional Association:

White Mountains Region Association	\$	25.31
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Cemeteries:

Labor	\$	270.25
Flowers		12.50
Equipment hire		6.00
Mileage		2.40

	\$	291.15

Abatements, Discounts, and Refunds:

Discounts, 1965 property taxes	\$	119.13
1966 veteran's exemption		58.00
1966 head and poll tax abatements		7.00
Overpayment to treasurer		23.00

	\$	207.13

Interest:

Tax anticipation note	\$	45.00
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Tax Anticipation Note:

Woodsville National Bank	\$	3,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State of New Hampshire		
State head taxes	\$	335.99
Yield tax bond and debt		
retirement		242.14
County tax		550.05
Benton School District		
Appropriation		6,401.92
National Forest Reserve		
(one-half)		1,149.25

	\$	8,679.35

TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$	16,895.43
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TRUST FUNDS

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1966

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income shown (\$192.86) is that received during the year 1966, and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Distribution of Income			
	Amount of Fund	Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 513.19	\$13.02		
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00	Field not rented		
J. C. Speed	132.11	5.28		
Sam'l Whitcher & Wm. Kendall	189.69	7.56		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	1.80		
Samuel Annis	45.46	1.80		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	1.80		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	7.60		
Kendrick Howe	50.00	2.00		
Ella Mann	50.00	2.00		
D. M. and K. L. Howe	100.00	4.00		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	2.00		
Lee B. and Maude McKeon	100.00	4.00		
	<hr/> \$6,711.64	<hr/> \$76.36	<hr/> \$58.25	<hr/> \$58.25

All the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., or are invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon bank.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
JOHN G. ELLIOTT, SR.
Trustees

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Trustees of Trust Funds and Highway Agent and find them to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

IONA BOUTIN

Auditor

February 8, 1967

***Program of the White Mountains
Region Association 1966 (29th year)***

Printed and distributed more than 300,000 folders and booklets promoting the White Mountains Region.

Received and answered 15,000 individual inquiries which represents an increase of more than one hundred per cent over last year.

Wrote sixteen news releases for the use of local media and five newsletters to the members, promoting economic development ideas in the region.

Supported the 4-H awards program to encourage development of agriculture.

Assisted in programs of natural beauty and good land-use practices.

Presently are initiating a program of ski area engineering research to combat the snow erosion problems at ski areas.

Worked in cooperation with many other groups working to promote the economy of the White Mountains Region and the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN P. WILSON
Executive Secretary
Lancaster, New Hampshire

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Benton School District

Year Ending December 31, 1966

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ruth Page, Chairman	Term Expires 1967
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Term Expires 1968
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term Expires 1969

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. George Tyler	Truant Officer
Mr. Norman Mullen	Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said District on the 14th day of March, 1967, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.
10. To see what action the District will take regarding the annual school district meeting in 1968.
11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

RUTH PAGE

ETHEL BOUTIN

MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON

1967 - 1968

	Adopted Budget 1966- 1967	Proposed Budget 1967- 1968
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00
135 Contracted Services	14.00	14.00
190 Other Expenses	50.00	50.00
300 Attendance		
310 Salary of Truant Officer	5.00	5.00
500 Pupil Transportation		
535 Contracted Trans- portation	3,210.00	3,335.00
1477 Outgoing Transfer Accounts— In State		
1477.1 Tuition	9,010.00	12,900.00
1477.2 Transportation to Other School Districts	151.00	150.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	118.08	135.75
Contingency Fund	100.00	100.00
Deficiency Appropriation		1,200.00
EXPENDITURES	<u>\$12,753.08</u>	<u>\$17,989.75</u>

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1967	\$ 0.00
State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	3,600.00
Sweepstakes Revenue	150.00
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	1,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	58.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,989.75 for the school year 1967-1968.

RUTH PAGE
MILDRED ELLIOTT

Recommended Motion:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District the sum of \$17,989.75.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE

1967 - 1968

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1967.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 2 of the Budget Report, \$17,989.75.

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1966

	Adopted Budget 1965- 1966	Paid Out 1965- 1966
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 54.50
135 Contracted Services	14.00	8.00
190 Other Expenses	35.00	53.29
200 Instruction		
230 Teaching Supplies		12.91
300 Attendance Services		
310 Salary of Truant Officer	5.00	5.00
500 Pupil Transportation		
535 Contracted Services	3,100.00	3,100.00
1400 Outgoing Transfer Items		
1477 Expenditures to Other Schools, Districts, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1—Tuition	8,000.00	7,975.94
.2—Transportation	151.00	199.00
*.3—District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	205.00	*196.61
TOTAL	\$11,553.50	\$11,605.25

* This figure includes the amount of \$53.75, the district's share of the Superintendent's Salary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966****RECEIPTS**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1965	\$ 419.66
Revenue from Local Sources:	
Current Appropriation	6,551.92
Other Revenue from Local Sources:	
Earnings from Trust Funds	58.25
Revenue from State Sources:	
Foundation Aid	2,923.23
Sweepstakes	581.01
Needy District Aid	442.34
Revenue from Federal Sources:	
National Forest Reserve	1,265.21
Sale of School Property &	
Insurance Adjustments:	
Sale of Equipment	36.86

	\$12,278.48

PAYMENTS

Orders of the School Board	\$11,605.25
Cash on Hand June 30, 1966	673.23

	\$12,278.48

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966

Cash on hand July 1, 1966	\$ 673.23
Revenue from Local Sources:	
Current Appropriation	\$ 350.00
Revenue from State Sources:	
Aid to Needy Districts	397.61
Foundation Aid	3,617.51
Sweepstakes	400.06
1/2 National Forest Reserve	1,149.25

Total Receipts	5,914.43

Total Amount Available to December 31, 1966	\$ 6,587.66
Less School Board Orders Paid	5,500.38

Balance on hand December 31, 1966	\$ 1,087.28

BALANCE SHEET — June 30, 1966**Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1966	
General Fund	\$ 673.23
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 673.23

GRAND TOTAL	\$ 673.23

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
Advance on 1966-1967 Appropriation	\$ 180.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 180.00
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	\$ 493.23

GRAND TOTAL	\$ 673.23

REVISED INCOME FOR 1966 - 1967

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 493.23
Sweepstakes	369.49
Foundation Aid	3,617.51
Needy District Aid	397.61
National Forest Reserve	1,250.00
Trust Fund Income	55.00

Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 6,182.84
Amount to Be Raised by 1966 Property Taxes	6,570.24

Total Appropriations	\$12,753.08

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966****SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1965	\$ 419.66
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$ 6,551.92
Revenue from State Sources	3,946.58
Revenue from Federal Sources:	
National Forest Reserve	1,265.21
Received as Income from	
Trust Funds	58.25
Received from all Other Sources	36.86

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,858.82

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$12,278.48
Less School Board Orders Paid	11,605.25

Balance on Hand June 30, 1966	\$ 673.23

MAXINE TYLER

July 1, 1966

District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA V. BOUTIN

July 6, 1966

Auditor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Your superintendent's report this year will be a short discussion of local vs. state control education in New Hampshire and how it affects our area.

Many taxpayers in New Hampshire feel that the local citizenry has complete control over the education of its local youngsters. Nothing could be farther from the actual truth.

In New Hampshire, the State Board of Education has control over education as it pertains to teacher certification, school curriculum, school building aid, state foundation aid, and several other areas. But, to be as brief as possible, let me discuss the major areas.

Your superintendent of schools cannot recommend for employment to your school board a teacher who has not first been certified by the New Hampshire Department of Education.

In the area of curriculum, each school in the state, elementary or secondary, must comply with a set of minimum standards as defined by our state consultants. Furthermore, we also have a group in the United States who would like a national curriculum.

Before any school district may construct a school building in New Hampshire, it must submit detailed specifications to the State Department before approval for state building aid will be allocated.

If a school district complies with the aforementioned requirements, it can then be considered for state foundation aid (state aid as we know it). This aid is ascertained on a need basis and the general philosophy is to attempt to equalize educational opportunities throughout the state by giving poorer school districts additional funds which they otherwise would not be able to secure without undue hardship on the local property taxpayer.

In the Granite State, the Department of Education has not attempted to foist its philosophy on local school districts but has tried to improve educational opportunities through mutual determination of local policy. A good example could be the re-organization of school districts. Presently, the department has tried to provide guidance and leadership in developing regional districts but the day is drawing closer where we will be told how, where, and when we will regionalize or state foundation aid will not be forthcoming.

The point is very clear, either we solve our problems locally or we will lose what little local control we have left and, in addition, lose state help. If you are thinking of "going it alone," please refer to the revenue section of your local budget and check the totals under Sweepstakes, Building Aid, Needy District Aid, and Foundation Aid.

May I take this opportunity to thank the school board, and taxpayers of Benton for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN H. MULLEN

Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION #23
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual report show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #23, during 1966-1967, will receive a salary of \$10,500.00, which is made up as follows: \$3,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$7,000.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,500.00 for travel within the Union is also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel to each school district:

District	Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 317.10	\$ 67.95
Benton	32.20	6.90
Haverhill	1,387.40	297.30
Lincoln-Woodstock	2,006.20	429.90
Monroe	1,224.30	262.35
Piermont	398.30	85.35
Woodsville	1,634.50	350.25
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	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,500.00

NORMAN H. MULLEN
 Superintendent of Schools

Deaths registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1966

Date of Death and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Residence of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
January					
13 Benton, N.H.	Mary Griffin	40	Berlin, N.H.	Desire Levesque	Eva Comeau
February					
8 Benton, N.H.	John J. Young	54	Keene, N.H.	John Young	Mary Downs
13 Benton, N.H.	Victor Bucko	70	Manchester, N.H.	John Bucko	Annie Oush
March					
11 Benton, N.H.	Joseph Welch	83	Grasmere, N.H.	Daniel Welch	May
April					
3 Benton, N.H.	Joseph Blajda	59	Manchester, N.H.	John Blajda	Julie Russin
May					
2 Benton, N.H.	Armand Dennison	76	Nashua, N.H.	Andrew Dennison	Morcéau
12 Littleton, N.H.	Joseph Boutin, Jr.	66	Littleton, N.H.	Joseph Boutin	Winnifred Elliott
June					
16 Benton, N.H.	Alfred J. Plouffe	53	Claremont, N.H.	Alfred Plouffe	Celina Bernard
July					
11 Benton, N.H.	Alfred Seymour	52	Claremont, N.H.	Irvine Seymour	Dansereaux
27 Benton, N.H.	Samuel Cowing	69	Conway, N.H.	Frank Cowing	Sarah Miller
September					
3 Benton, N.H.	Frank J. Smith	75	Nashua, N.H.	Isiah Smith	Lily Downs
October					
1 Benton, N.H.	John F. Sivormstedt	58	Manchester, N.H.	Calvin Sivormstedt	Mabel Furver
November					
11 Benton, N.H.	Albon M. Pelton	83	Hanover, N.H.	Samuel J. Pelton	Harriet Downer

Births registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1966

Date of Birth and Name of Child Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
December 25 Haverhill, N.H. Sidney Alan Clark	M Forrest Sidney Clark	Betty Lou Woods	Benton, N H.	Lyme, N.H.	Littleton, N.H.

Marriages registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1966

Date and Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Name of Parents
July 5 Haverhill, N.H.	Alden Louis Brown	21 Norman F. Brown Esther L. Kittredge
	Priscilla R. Gregory	18 P. Raymond Gregory Grace Mary Foley

*Program of the White Mountains
Region Association 1966 (29th year)*

Printed and distributed more than 300,000 folders and booklets promoting the White Mountains Region.

Received and answered 15,000 individual inquiries which represents an increase of more than one hundred per cent over last year.

Wrote sixteen news releases for the use of local media and five newsletters to the members, promoting economic development ideas in the region.

Supported the 4-H awards program to encourage development of agriculture.

Assisted in programs of natural beauty and good land-use practices.

Presently are initiating a program of ski area engineering research to combat the snow erosion problems at ski areas.

Worked in cooperation with many other groups working to promote the economy of the White Mountains Region and the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN P. WILSON
Executive Secretary
Lancaster, New Hampshire

